

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A physical quantity detection device comprising: an operational amplifier;

5 a first resistor connected between an inverting input of said operational amplifier and a first reference potential;

a second resistor connected between said inverting input of said operational amplifier and a second reference potential, said first and second resistors having a first temperature coefficient of

10 resistance;

a feedback resistor being connected between said inverting input of said operational amplifier and an output of said operational amplifier and having a second temperature coefficient of resistor; and

15 a reference voltage generation circuit generating a reference voltage supplied to a non-inverting input of said operational amplifier, at least one of said first and second resistors comprising a sensing element of which resistance varying on the basis of a physical quantity with a temperature coefficient of sensitivity, wherein a difference between said first temperature coefficient of resistance and said temperature coefficient of sensitivity being substantially equal to said second temperature coefficient of resistance.

25 2. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said first and second resistors and said feedback

resistor comprises a diffused resistor, a concentration of impurity of said feedback resistor is different from concentrations of impurity of said first and second resistors.

5 3. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said concentrations of impurity of said first and second resistors are from  $0.4 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  to  $8 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and said concentration of impurity of said feedback resistor is from  $1.6 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  to  $7 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

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4. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of said first and second resistors comprises said sensing element of which resistance varies on the basis of said physical quantity, and a resistance of the other of said first and second  
15 resistors remains constant with respect to said physical quantity.

5. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reference voltage generation circuit includes third and fourth resistors connected in series between said first and second  
20 reference potentials and generates a divided voltage as said reference voltage, and a temperature coefficient of resistance of said third resistor is substantially equal to a temperature coefficient of resistance of said fourth resistor.

25 6. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 5, wherein one of said third and fourth resistors has a trimming

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structure to trim said reference voltage toward an output voltage of said operational amplifier on when said physical quantity is zero.

7. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 1,  
5 further comprising a resistor having a trimming structure is connected in parallel with said feedback resistor.

8. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 1,  
further comprising:  
10 a third resistor;  
another operational amplifier having an inverting input supplied with an output of said operational amplifier through said third resistor, a non-inverting input of said another operational amplifier being supplied with said reference voltage; and  
15 a fourth resistor disposed between an output terminal and inverting input of said another operational amplifier.

9. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 8,  
further comprising an offset trimming resistor between said first  
20 reference potential and said inverting input of said another operational amplifier.

10. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 8,  
further comprising an offset trimming resistor between said second  
25 reference potential and said inverting input of said another operational amplifier.

11. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 8,  
further comprising:

5 fifth and sixth resistors connected between said first reference  
potential and said inverting input of said second operational  
amplifier;

seventh and eighth resistors connected between said inverting  
input of said another operational amplifier and said second reference  
potential, wherein said sixth and seventh resistors have temperature  
10 dependencies of resistance.

12. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 11,  
wherein at least one of said fifth and eighth resistors has a trimming  
structure for compensating a temperature characteristic of offset of  
15 the output of said another operational amplifier.

13. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein if it is assumed that a sensitivity of said sensing element at a  
reference temperature is  $S_0$ , a resistance of said sensing element at  
20 said reference temperature is  $R_0$ , and a resistance of said feedback  
resistor at said reference temperature is  $R_{ts0}$ , then, it is represented  
that said sensitivity of said sensing element at a temperature  $t$  which  
is different from said reference temperature by  $T$  is  $S(T)$ , said  
resistance of said sensing element at  $t$  is  $R(T)$ , and said resistance of  
25 said feedback resistor at  $t$  is  $R_{ts}(T)$ , and  $S(T)$ ,  $R(T)$ , and  $R_{ts}(T)$  are  
further represented by:

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$S(T) = S_0 \cdot (1 + \beta_1 \cdot T + \beta_2 \cdot T^2)$ ,  $R(T) = R_0 \cdot (1 + \alpha_1 \cdot T + \alpha_2 \cdot T^2)$ , and  $R_{ts}(T) = R_{ts0} \cdot (1 + A_1 \cdot T + A_2 \cdot T^2)$ ,

where said  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, A_1$ , and  $A_2$  are temperature coefficients, and wherein said  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, A_1$ , and  $A_2$  are determined so as to  
5 establish both  $A_1 = \alpha_1 - \beta_1$  and  $A_2 = \alpha_2 - \beta_2 - \beta_1 \cdot (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)$ .

14. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reference voltage is determined such that said almost all of a current flowing through said first resistor flows into said  
10 second resistor.

15. A physical quantity detection device comprising: an operational amplifier;  
a first resistor connected between an inverting input of said  
15 operational amplifier and a first reference potential;  
a second resistor connected between said inverting input of said operational amplifier and a second reference potential, said first and second resistors having a first temperature coefficient of resistance;  
20 a feedback resistor being connected between said inverting input of said operational amplifier and an output of said operational amplifier and having a second temperature coefficient of resistor;  
and  
a reference voltage generation circuit generating a reference  
25 voltage supplied to a non-inverting input of said operational amplifier, at least one of said first and second resistors comprising a

sensing element of which resistance varying on the basis of a physical quantity with a temperature coefficient of sensitivity, wherein said reference voltage generation circuit includes a third and fourth resistors connected in series between said first and  
5 second reference potentials and generates a divided voltage as said reference voltage, and a temperature coefficient of said third resistor is substantially equal to a temperature coefficient of said fourth resistor.

- 10 16. A physical quantity detection device comprising:  
an operational amplifier;  
a first resistor connected between an inverting input of said operational amplifier and a first reference potential;  
a second resistor connected between said inverting input of  
15 said operational amplifier and a second reference potential, said first and second resistors having a first temperature coefficient of resistance;  
a feedback resistor being connected between said inverting input of said operational amplifier and an output of said operational  
20 amplifier and having a second temperature coefficient of resistor;  
a reference voltage generation circuit generating a reference voltage supplied to a non-inverting input of said operational amplifier, at least one of said first and second resistors comprising a sensing element of which resistance varying on the basis of a  
25 physical quantity with a temperature coefficient of sensitivity,  
a third resistor;

another operational amplifier, an inverting input of said  
another operational amplifier being supplied with an output of said  
operational amplifier through said third resistor, a non-inverting  
input of said another operational amplifier being supplied with said  
5 reference voltage; and

a fourth resistor disposed between an output terminal and  
inverting input of said another operational amplifier.

17. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 3,  
10 wherein said concentrations of impurity of said first and second  
resistors are from  $0.8 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  to  $4 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and said  
concentration of impurity of said feedback resistor is from  $2.5 \times 10^{17}$   
 $\text{cm}^{-3}$  to  $5.5 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

15 18. The physical quantity detection device as claimed in claim 17,  
wherein said concentrations of impurity of said first and second  
resistors are about  $1 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , and said concentration of impurity of  
said feedback resistor is about  $4 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .